Shares of RPLS Refinery Project

6402. SHRI GOPALSING G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount collected by the RPLS' Refinery Project through public issue;

(b) whether it is fact that RPLS' have not paid refund orders to those people who have purchased the shares;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the RPLS' shares have not been registered with SEBI;

(e) whether Government have made investigation in the entire scandal; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The total amount collected by RPLS' refinery Project though a public issue was Rs. 525.71 crores by way of the application money.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Shares of the company are to be listed with the stock exchange and not registered with SEBI.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Irregularities in Gramin Banks

6403. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any irregularities have been found in Gramin Banks by Government, particularly in Gujarat in last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) whether the irregularities and instances of claiming of fake TA/DA bills by the Manager and other staff of the Godhara Branch has been reported;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government against the concerned guilty Manager and staff of the Godhara branch?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The reporting system in Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) does not generate the information with regard to number of irregularities found in Regional Rural Bank (RRB) in general or in their branches in the country.

(c) to (e) A complaint has been received recently from the Panch-Mahal Vadodara Gramin Bank Officers Association levelling certain charges against the Chairman of Panch-Mahal Vadodara Gramin Bank, Godhra including TA/DA, NABARD has referred the matter to Sponsor Bank i.e. Bank of Baroda to look into the matter.

Cheating by Money Changer Licensee of RBI

6404. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in the Indian Express, of January 30, 1994 stating that one Mr. Kingsley Anthony Fernandes, a money changer licensee by Reserve Bank of India had cheated a number of NRIs in the USA of huge sums in foreign exchange and living and moving about freely in Tamil Nadu, with Indian authorities devoid of any powers to book him; and

(b) if so, what is Government's

information about this and what steps, if any, have been taken to book him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) A money Changer License No. 278/92 valid till 17.8.95 has been granted by Reserve bank of India to M/s Shyras Travels, Nagarcoil of which Shri K.A. Fernandes is the Managing Director. Enquiries revealed that he had collected certain amounts in foreign exchange from certain persons in U.S.A. for ticketing, for their relatives in India, and that he never returned that money. Residential and business premises of Shri Fernandes were searched on 9.2.94 and as a result, certain incriminating documents were seized. He was arrested on 10.2.94 and produced before a magistrate who remanded him to judicial custody. He has been released on bail on 18.3.94. Further investigations are in progress.

ऋण-माफी योजना

6405. **श्री अजीत जोगी**: क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या देश की बैंकिंग व्यवस्था के बारे में किए गये अध्ययन के संबंध में विश्व बैंक ने यह प्रतिक्रिया व्यक्त की है कि ऋण माफी योजना से केन्द्रीय सरकार पर 4800 करोड़ रुपये तक की लागत आयेगी तथा इस योजना के परिणामस्वरूप ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में काफी हद तक ऋण न अदा करने की प्रवत्ति पैदा होगी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो विश्व बैंक द्वारा की गई टिप्पणी का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इस पर सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति): (क) विश्व बैंक ने हाल ही में भारत में बैंकिंग प्रणाली के संबंध में कोई औपचारिक अध्ययन नहीं किया है।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Border Area Development Programme

6406. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Border Area Development Programme (BADP) has been drawn out; if so, which states are covered under Programme;

(b) what are the development projects contemplated thereunder stating the details thereof; and

(c) the targets fixed thereunder for the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) Border Area Development Programme (BADP) under implementation since 1986-87, has been revamped and reoriented from the year 1993-94. All the States on Pakistan and Bangladesh borders are now covered namely:—

1. Jammu and Kashmir
2. Punjab
3. Rajasthan
4. Gujarat
5. West Bengal
6. Assam
7. Meghalaya
8. Mizoram, and
9. Tripura.

The programme has been reoriented to give a sharper focus for tackling special problems which arise in areas contiguous to the international border. Under this Programme, area specific schemes which are designed to take care of problems typical to the border areas, are being taken up by the concerned State Governments. The main objective of the programme is balanced development of remote, inaccessible areas situated near the border, ensuring effective administration in these areas and involving people in strengthening their